



One of the most popular spots in early Midway was Mrs. Agnes O'Neil's Hotel and Restaurant. Shown here in front of the building in this 1897 photograph are, left to right, Samuel O'Neil, Ruth Rockwood O'Neil, Helen Ritchie, baby James Ritchie, Aunt Nannie O'Neil, Agnes Ritchie, Samuel Hair, Rachel Hair and Robert Hair.

Written January 20, 1917, by William Lindsay:

'Tis many a year since first we met  
 To visit Nannie O'Neil  
 To celebrate her natal day  
 And wish weh kind heart "weel"  
 We met a hearty welcome  
 In her cheerful, kindly way  
 And many a happy time we've had  
 With her the livelong day  
 Many of those who used to come  
 Have passed away and gone.